30//5 *November* THE QUEEN'S LETTER TO SIR JOHN NORRIS

The Queen having been earnestly sued to grant Sir John Norns leave to return on his own affairs giveth him. licence to repair home at his convenience But he is put in mind what disaster happened in his last absence If he is not assured of the troops being in safety and well guided he should not take the benefit of this favour , but if things are in such terms that he dare adventure he may choose his brother to command, who will have due care of her Majesty's honour, of Sir John's, and of his own In times past when the generals came away they brought with them captains and lieutenants, leaving the people without leaders He is admonished not to commit any such error, as nothing can be more grievous to her Majesty than by negligence to suffer the poorest soldier in the company to perish.

^tb December GREENE'S * ORLANDO FURIOSO *

A play called *Orlando Furioso,* written by Robert Greene, is entered for printing, in which Alleyn played Orlando This play was performed before the Queen

nth December HESTER'S * PEARL OF PRACTISE'

The Pearl of Practise, or practised pearl for physick and chirurgery, found out by John Hester (a spagenck or distiller), is entered, having since his death been gathered and brought into some method by James Fourestier This book is dedicated to Sir George Carey and setteth out the methods, cures and pre-scriptions for many diseases, swellings, wounds, and injuries

zist December ANXIETY IN GUERNSEY

From Sir Thomas Leighton, Governor of Guernsey, it is re-ported that five thousand or six thousand Spaniards are lately arrived at Blavet in Brittany He beseecheth that

the sum of £500, the remainder of the ^1000 promised for the works to be done at the Castle, may be sent speedily

2,2nd December PEPPER FROM THE GREAT CARRACK

The merchants that lately contracted with the Queen for the pepper taken m the Great Carrack are unable to vend any quantity of it except at very mean prices because of the great quantities still remaining in the realm and being brought in. As they are bound to pay her great sums of money at Christmas